

Governor Carney Issues Statement on Senate Confirmations

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney on Wednesday issued the following statement on the Delaware Senate's confirmation of Col. Nathaniel McQueen, Jr. to serve as the next Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, as well as judicial nominations confirmed by the Senate on Wednesday:

"This is an unusual time, and a session of the General Assembly like we've never seen before. I want to thank members of the House and Senate for gaveling into session this week and getting important work done under difficult circumstances. I especially want to thank members of the Senate for their confirmation of Colonel McQueen, and for confirming several distinguished Delawareans to serve on our world-class judiciary. Colonel McQueen is a real public servant, a natural leader and the right choice to serve as our next Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security."

The Senate confirmed the following judicial nominations on Wednesday:

The Honorable Charles Butler, Resident Judge of The Superior Court of New Castle County

Judge Butler – who since 2012 has served as a judge on the Superior Court in New Castle County – will replace Resident Judge of Superior Court Richard "Dick" Cooch, who retired in January. Judge Butler was nominated and confirmed in 2012 to serve as a Judge on the Superior Court in New Castle County. Previously, Judge Butler served as Delaware's Chief Deputy Attorney General. Judge Butler also served as a prosecutor in the Delaware Department of Justice, and has experience as an

Assistant District Attorney with the City of Philadelphia. A graduate of Salesianum School, Judge Butler earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Delaware and his Juris Doctor degree from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

Francis "Pete" Jones, Judge of The Superior Court

Pete Jones will replace Judge Butler on the Superior Court. Since August 1983, Jones has practiced law at Morris James LLP, and currently serves as a partner. Jones' focus is on plaintiff's personal injury, and practices primarily in the Superior Court. Previously, Jones clerked for the Delaware Supreme Court; Goldman, Phillips, Nichols, Pederson and Hurtt; and the National Labor Relations Board. He graduated from St. Mark's High School, and earned his bachelor's degree from Catholic University of America and his Juris Doctor degree from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

Justices of the Peace:

- Walter Newton from Wilmington, Del.
- Shanaya Eyong from Newark, Del.
- The Honorable Catherine Hester from Lewes, Del.
- Brett Graves from Lewes, Del.
- Candace Whitelock from Seaford, Del.

Anyone with a question about COVID-19, should call Delaware 2-1-1, or email info@delaware211.org. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Medical-related questions related to testing, symptoms, and health-related guidance can also be submitted by email at DPHCall@delaware.gov.

The Division of Public Health will continue to update the

public as more information becomes available. For the latest on Delaware's response, go to de.gov/coronavirus.

For details about Delaware's economic reopening, visit de.gov/economy.

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